IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled).

11. (New) A method of inhibiting adhesion of tissue in a spinal cord region being operated on during spinal cord surgery in a patient, the method comprising providing a crosslinked acid polysaccharide in the form of a sponge, a film or a suspension to the spinal cord region, the crosslinked acid polysaccharide provided in an amount sufficient to inhibit adhesion of tissue in the spinal cord region.

12. (New) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the acid polysaccharide is hyaluronic acid and/or carboxymethylcellulose.

13. (New) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the crosslinked acid polysaccharide is crosslinked by an ester bond.

14. (New) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the crosslinked acid polysaccharide is crosslinked by a self-crosslinking ester bond.

15. (New) The method according to Claim 11, wherein a sponge is provided and the sponge has a thickness of from 2 mm to 10 mm and is dry.

16. (New) The method according to Claim 11, wherein a sponge is provided and the sponge has a pore size of from 50 μm to 200 μm and is a dry.

17. (New) The method according to Claim 11, wherein a film is provided and the film has a thickness of from 50 μm to 1 mm and is dry.

18. (New) The method according to Claim 11, wherein a suspension is provided and the crosslinked acid polysaccharide is contained in the suspension has an average particle size of from 100 μm to 1 mm.

19. (New) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the crosslinked acid polysaccharide in the form of a sponge, a film or a suspension is colored to facilitate

identification of the site to which the crosslinked acid polysaccharide in the form of a sponge, a film or a suspension is provided in the spinal cord region.

20. (New) The method according to Claim 12, wherein the acid polysaccharide is hyaluronic acid.

21. (New) The method according to Claim 12, wherein the acid polysaccharide is carboxymethylcellulose.